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Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached report from Jamaica, submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**
Chairman
Counter-Terrorism Committee

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Annex

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Letter dated 24 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

In accordance with instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose, pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001), Jamaica's report to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, concerning counter-terrorism (see enclosure).

The Government of Jamaica stands ready to provide the Committee with further reports or information as necessary or if so requested by the Committee.

(*Signed*) Patricia **Durrant**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) of September 28, 2001, concerning Counter-Terrorism, and has the honour to provide the following information on Jamaica's implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

Jamaica has no legislation specific to terrorism or terrorist acts. Therefore, the several pertinent public agencies have been instructed to review existing legislation and regulations to determine their amenability to amendment, or whether new legislation will need to be enacted. This is the first stage in the legislative process, which is expected to be completed during the current legislative session.

At the same time, Jamaica is studying the legislation and procedures adopted by countries with a similar legal system, to enable their implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

Existing legislation which allows for the forfeiture of assets, is predicated on the commission of acts other than terrorism, such as money laundering and drug related offences. Both the Money Laundering and Drug Offences (Forfeiture of Proceeds) Acts require amendment for the inclusion of terrorism in the list of offences, with the specification of appropriate penalties. This process is already underway. Till such amendments are enacted, suspected terrorists' assets may be frozen, by an order of the Court, pursuant to a civil action, if it is suspected that such assets may be removed from the jurisdiction of the Court, thereby depriving the plaintiff of the possibility of obtaining damages.

The Ministry of Finance and Planning and the Bank of Jamaica have been provided with the lists of individuals and organizations linked with terrorist entities. Investigations to date have not revealed that any listed person or organization has assets in Jamaica.

On November 11, 2001, the Prime Minister of Jamaica signed the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. The intention is that the legislative process underway will also permit Jamaica's ratification of this Convention in the shortest possible time.

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning Counter-Terrorism will be kept briefed of progress achieved in the legislative process, as well as of other relevant developments.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) of September 28, 2001 concerning Counter-Terrorism the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, December 24, 2001